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# British Medical Association.

## CURRENT NOTES.

### Advertisements on National Health Insurance Certificate Forms.

Some months ago the attention of the Insurance Acts Committee was drawn to the fact that medical certificate forms were being issued bearing on the back an advertisement of certain brands of butter and tea. By direction of the Committee a letter was addressed to the Ministry of Health calling attention to the matter and asking that immediate steps should be taken to put a stop to a practice which was most objectionable and could not but be resented by medical practitioners throughout the country.

Last month, as was reported at the time in the Journal (June 23rd, p. 1069), a miniature debate was raised in the House of Commons with regard to trade advertisements printed on the back of the medical certificate forms for use under the National Insurance Act. The first reply of the Minister of Health was to the effect that he would consult with the Stationery Office as to the possibility of securing other advertisements without loss to the revenue when the present contract terminated. Dr. Salter then asked whether the Minister appreciated the fact that a medical certificate was a document of a very personal and intimate character bearing the words "Confidential" on its face, and whether any kind of advertisement on such a document might not be taken by a person of the less educated class as a personal recommendation from the doctor. Sir Henry Craik elicited the fact that the sum received by the Stationery Office for this advertisement on millions of forms was £135 a year, and Mr. Chamberlain then said that he recognized the validity of the objections raised and would try to have the matter altered. In this connexion the following letter has been addressed, upon the instructions of the Chairman of Council, to the Minister of Health:

British Medical Association.
2nd July, 1923.

Sir,

The attention of the Council of this Association has been drawn to National Health Insurance Certificate forms which are being issued by some Insurance Committees upon the back of which appear advertisements for Maypole butter and tea, and to the growing volume of protest from all sections of the medical profession on the matter. The strongest possible objection is taken to the printing of any advertisement on medical certificate forms which have to be filled in by medical practitioners under the National Health Insurance Act, and the Council would urge that immediate action should be taken to put a stop to a practice which is strongly resented not only by insurance practitioners but by the medical profession throughout the country.

The Council feels that the insistence on such a practice, in addition to its prejudical effect upon the National Health Insurance service, is so grave a matter professionally that it will be its duty to advise medical practitioners to refrain from signing certificates on any such form.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) Alfred Cox,
*Medical Secretary.*

The Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P.,
Minister of Health,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

### Willesden Health Policy.

In a Current Note on September 23rd, 1922, we outlined the representations made by the Willesden Medical Advisory Committee to the Urban District Council in respect of the Council's health policy. Departmental mills, whether central or local, grind but slowly, and we are only now able to record the Ministry's approval of the scheme finally adopted by the local authority. Fortunately the settlement is well worth waiting for, since it concedes the chief points for which the Willesden Division of the British Medical Association has contended over a period of some three years. According to the report made by the Willesden representative to the Metropolitan Branch Council in June, the scheme may be summarized as follows:

The routine medical inspection of the three age groups in the schools has been resumed by the School Medical Staff, who are set free for this basic service by the modification of the programme at the school and maternity and child welfare clinics. The objectionable system of offering to mothers and children a wide range of treatment at the clinic in return for a nominal registration fee and payment at a negligible tariff has disappeared, together with the still more objectionable leaflets through which it was advertised, and the clinics have fallen into their proper place in a system designed to leave the family practitioner full scope for the treatment of all cases where the family can meet the necessary expense. Health visitors and clinics refer all cases in the first instance to private practitioners, who are provided with cards for notifying whether they are prepared to undertake the treatment of cases so referred. Treatment at the clinics is practically confined to the necessitous and to certain definite conditions, and parents must sign a declaration as to income. Verminous conditions and ringworm are treated without charge, the main object being to ensure early treatment, and minor ailments receive free treatment for fourteen days. Otherwise payment is made in advance according to a scale based on the family income. The clinic

dispensaries are no longer required, and a reduction of the dispensing staff is therefore possible.

As regards hospital services a parallel modification has been effected. The Infectious Diseases Hospital has been restored to its original use, and the accommodation and staff relieved from excessive pressure. Tonsils and adenoids will be dealt with through the Willesden General Hospital, and general surgery and gynaecology are no longer included in the scheme. Maternity cases will be accepted at the Park Royal Hospital on payment in advance according to scale, or in cases of emergency certified by the practitioner attending. The new scheme does not require the services of specialists, and an economy of staff has also been effected in connexion with home nursing. The scheme is under the supervision of Dr. Skene, Chairman of the Public Health Committee and Hospital Subcommittee, and Dr. Lock, Chairman of the Children's Care Committee, to whose work in these capacities, and also as members of the Division Executive, its successful inception is largely due.

The Willesden Division of the Association, and in particular its indefatigable honorary secretary, Dr. William Paterson, must be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

### Insurance Practitioners and Members of Seamen's National Insurance Society.

The Medical Secretary has recently had brought to his notice a case in which a father attended with his son at the surgery of an insurance practitioner. The father desired the son (who denied that he was an insured person) to be treated as a private patient and willingly paid a fee of 5s. Subsequently the doctor received a letter from the London office of the Seamen's National Insurance Society pointing out that the son was entitled to receive medical benefit from the Society under the National Insurance Act, and the Society would be glad if the doctor would refund the fees charged and forward his account direct to the Society. The fee payable by the Society would have been less than that charged. It is possible that other busy practitioners receiving such a letter from the Society might be led to believe that in charging fees in circumstances similar to the above, they were acting contrary to the terms of their agreement with the local Insurance Committee. This is not so, inasmuch as Regulation 72 of the Medical Benefit Regulations clearly lays down that those Regulations only apply to the members of the Seamen's National Insurance Society where the Society has agreed with an Insurance Committee for the administration by the Committee of medical benefit to individual members of the Society. It is not known that the Society has entered into any such arrangement with any Insurance Committee, and it follows, therefore, that it is no part of an insurance practitioner's contract with his Insurance Committee to treat members of the Seamen's National Insurance Society upon the Society's scale of fees. An insurance practitioner is perfectly at liberty to charge his own private fees.

### Official Gazettes of Colonies and Protectorates.

Members interested in the medical services of the Colonies or Protectorates enumerated below will be glad to learn that the last available copy of the official gazette of each of these Colonies and Protectorates can be seen in the Library of the Association at the Head Office, 429, Strand, London, W.C.2.

British Guiana.
Dominica.
Federated Malay States.
Fiji.
Gambia.
Gold Coast.
Hong Kong.
Jamaica.
Kenya.
Nigeria.
Nyasaland.
Sierra Leone.
Straits Settlements.
Tanganyika.
Trinidad (and Tobago).
Uganda.
Zanzibar.

These gazettes are withdrawn from the Library when later issues are received, but any matter of general interest to the medical members of the Services can be followed up on reference to the Medical Department of the Association.

### Statistics of Insurance Work.

Insurance practitioners are again reminded of the necessity for the Insurance Acts Committee to be supplied with statistics of insurance work done in 1922. Information under the following heads should be sent to the Medical Secretary, 429, Strand, W.C.2.

| Name. | Address, and Insurance Area or Areas. | No. of Insured Persons on List. | No. of Insured Persons Attended during 1922—that is, No. of Patients. | No. of Consultations. | No. of Visits. |
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### The Half-Yearly Indexes.

The usual half-yearly indexes to the JOURNAL and to the SUPPLEMENT and EPITOME have been prepared and will be published shortly; they will, however, not be issued with all copies of the JOURNAL, but only to those readers who ask for them. Any member or subscriber who desires to have one or all of the indexes can obtain what he wants, post free, by sending a post-card notifying his desire to the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, British Medical Association, 429, Strand, W.C.2. Those wishing to receive the indexes regularly as published should intimate this desire.

## NEW GRADUATES AND THE MEDICAL LIFE.

### THE SHEFFIELD DIVISION.

A VERY pleasant social meeting took place on July 3rd, when the successful students at the recent final examinations were entertained at luncheon by the members of the Executive Committee of the Sheffield Division of the British Medical Association.

Dr. A. YOUNG, Chairman of the Division, presided, and the Dean of the Medical Faculty of Sheffield University and 19 new graduates were present, in addition to 28 members of the Executive Committee.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Dr. Young proposed "Our New Colleagues." He compared the career of the young doctor with that of a ship setting out from port. The journey down the harbour represented the student days; having safely passed its rocks and shoals, he encountered the bar, in the shape of the final examination. This having been passed and the pilot (the teaching staff) dropped, the new graduate was embarked on the open sea of medical practice. Other dangers still remained for him to encounter, amongst which were some organizations that endeavoured to exploit his labour, and to limit his freedom of action. In view of these risks ahead, the importance of combination among members of the medical profession was obvious.

The toast was supported by Dr. LUCY NAISH, who observed that the medical profession had its hardships for men, and even more for women, but in years to come they would not regret having chosen it as their career. The British Medical Association had always advocated equal status for both sexes in the profession. In dealing with such organizations as the Chairman had mentioned, it was well to see that medical work would be under the control of medical opinion rather than a purely lay committee. Another useful practical point, when accepting an appointment, was to ask who had authority to dismiss.

On behalf of the new graduates Dr. A. B. NUTT responded to the toast in an appropriate speech.

The toast of "The University Staff" was next proposed by Dr. MONA HATHERLEY in felicitous terms, and suitably seconded by Dr. R. L. BROWN.

On behalf of the Staff, Professor SHOLTO DOUGLAS, Dean of the Medical Faculty, responded. Calling attention to the honours degree of M.B., Ch.B. awarded to Dr. D. Guest, the speaker pointed out that it was difficult to obtain an honours degree in medicine at Sheffield University. To obtain second class honours it was necessary to secure 66 per cent. of marks in every subject, not only at the Final, but also at the preceding examinations for the degree. The toast of the Chairman, proposed by Dr. A. E. BARNES, concluded a very enjoyable gathering.

# British Medical Association.

## NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, PORTSMOUTH, JULY 24th to 27th, 1923.

*Patron:* HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

*President:* Sir WILLIAM MACEWEN, C.B., D.Sc., D.C.L., M.D., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Surgery, University of Glasgow, one of the Honorary Surgeons to H.M. the King in Scotland.

*President-Elect:* CHARLES P. CHILDE, B.A., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P.E., Senior Surgeon, Royal Portsmouth Hospital.

*Chairman of Representative Meetings:* R. WALLACE HENRY, B.A., M.D.

*Chairman of Council:* ROBERT ALFRED BOLAM, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P.

*Treasurer:* GEORGE ERNEST HASLIP, M.D.

## PROGRAMME.

THE incoming President will give his address to the Association on the evening of Tuesday, July 24th.

The ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING begins on Friday, July 20th, at 10 a.m., and will be continued on the three following weekdays. The statutory Annual General Meeting will be held on July 24th at 2 p.m., and the adjourned general meeting at 8 p.m.

The Annual Dinner of the Association will take place at the Town Hall on Thursday, July 26th, at 7.30 p.m.

The official Religious Service will be held on July 24th at 4.30 p.m., and mass will be celebrated in St. John's Roman Catholic Cathedral on July 26th, at 9 a.m.

The Annual Exhibition of surgical appliances, foods, drugs, and books will be opened by the President-elect on July 24th at 9.30 a.m., and will remain open on July 25th, 26th, and 27th.

Saturday, July 28th, the last day of the meeting, will be set apart for excursions to places of interest in the neighbourhood. Other excursions have been arranged for the afternoons of July 25th, 26th, and 27th.

### THE SECTIONS.

The Scientific Sections will meet in the Municipal College from 9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. for papers and discussions. Demonstrations and operations will be conducted according to the time table printed at p. 25.

***The following Sections meet on Three Days—Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 25, 26, and 27.***

#### MEDICINE.

*President:* Sir THOMAS J. HORDER, Bt., M.D., F.R.C.P.

*Vice-Presidents:* GEORGE A. ALLAN, M.B., F.R.F.P.S.; J. J. PERKINS, M.B., F.R.C.P.; JOHN PHILLIPS, M.B.; C. F. ROUTH, M.D.; J. ODERY SYMES, M.D.

*Honorary Secretaries:* R. A. DOVE, M.B., "Chesterfield," Elm Grove, Southsea; GEOFFREY EVANS, M.D., F.R.C.P., 23, Park Square, London, N.W.1.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Wednesday, July 25th.*—Discussion: Diabetes. To be opened by Sir THOMAS HORDER, followed by Dr. P. J. CAMMIDGE, Dr. GEORGE GRAHAM, Dr. J. A. NIXON, C.M.G., and Dr. JOHN K. RENNIE, M.C. Dr. F. G. BANTING (Toronto), the discoverer of insulin, will also take part in the debate.

*Thursday, July 26th.*—Discussion: The Etiology and Treatment of Heart Disease in Early Life, with special view to the prevention of Chronic Cardiac Insufficiency. To be opened by Dr. REGINALD MILLER, followed by Dr. G. A. ALLAN, Dr. J. G. EMANUEL, Dr. T. F. COTTON, Dr. CAREY COOMBS, Dr. WILFRID ATTLEE, and Dr. M. O. RAVEN.

*Friday, July 27th.*—Discussion: Chronic Bronchitis. To be opened by Dr. J. J. PERKINS, followed by Dr. J. O. SYMES, Dr. E. HYLA GREVES, Dr. M. G. FOSTER, O.B.E., Dr. A. C. INMAN, Dr. EDGAR L. COLLIS, and Mr. G. SECCOMBE HETT.

#### SURGERY.

*President:* Sir HENRY M. W. GRAY, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S.Edin.

*Vice-Presidents:* DOUGLAS DREW, F.R.C.S.; Sir T. CRISP ENGLISH, K.C.M.G., F.R.C.S.; T. A. MUNRO FORDE, M.R.C.S.; JOHN PATRICK, F.R.C.S.Edin.; PERCY SARGENT, C.M.G., F.R.C.S.

*Honorary Secretaries:* HAROLD BURROWS, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., The Cams, Grove Road, Southsea; B. C. MAYBURY, F.R.C.S., 42, Wimpole Street, W.1.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Wednesday, July 25th*—9.45 a.m.—Discussion: The Treatment of Obstruction of the Colon. To be opened by Mr. ARTHUR H. BURGESS, followed by Messrs. SEYMOUR G. BARLING, ARTHUR B. MITCHELL, HERBERT W. CARSON, JOHN P. LOCKHART-MUMMERY, and CHARLES A. PANNETT.

12 noon.—Are the results of the operative treatment of malignant disease better than twenty years ago? To be introduced by Mr. HERBERT J. PATERSON.

*Thursday, July 26th.*—Discussion: The Treatment of Acute Primary Infections of the Hand (including sequelae). To be opened by Mr. DAVID P. D. WILKIE, followed by Messrs. C. MAX PAGE, F. D. SANER, J. E. H. ROBERTS, GERALD T. MULLALLY, and R. M. HANDFIELD-JONES.

12 noon.—Ventriculography. To be introduced by Mr. A. A. MCCONNELL and Mr. GEOFFREY JEFFERSON.

*Friday, July 27th.*—Discussion: Anaesthetics from the Surgeon's Point of View. To be opened by Mr. WILFRED TROTTER, followed by Sir WILLIAM DE COURCY WHEELER and Drs. A. L. FLEMMING, J. BLOMFIELD, and A. E. BOYD.

12 noon.—Paper: Mr. A. CLIFFORD MORSON, Division of the Vas Deferens in Prostatectomy.

#### OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

*President:* VICTOR BONNEY, M.S., M.D., F.R.C.S.

*Vice-Presidents:* Professor W. BLAIR BELL, M.D., B.S.; JAMES HENDRY, M.B., Ch.B.; LOUISA MARTINDALE, M.D.; A. BOSWORTH WRIGHT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

*Honorary Secretaries:* GERTRUDE DEARNLEY, M.D., 48, Jessel House, Judd Street, W.C.1; E. F. S. GREEN, M.B., Ch.B., 8, Victoria Road, Southsea.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Wednesday, July 25th*—9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Discussion: Treatment of Acute Salpingitis. To be opened by Mr. ALECK BOURNE, followed by Professor BLAIR BELL, Professor C. G. LOWRY, Mr. L. PHILLIPS, Dr. C. OLDFIELD, Dr. J. CAMPBELL, Dr. F. EDGE, Miss F. IVENS, Mr. BECKWITH WHITEHOUSE, Dr. EARDLEY HOLLAND, Dr. SIDNEY FORSDIKE, Mr. L. RIVETT, and the PRESIDENT.

*Thursday, July 26th*—9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Discussion: The Use and Abuse of Forceps. To be opened by Mr. COMYNS BERKELEY, followed by Professor LOWRY, Professor KYNOCH, Professor MCKERRON, Dr. J. CAMPBELL, Dr. F. EDGE, Dr. C. E. PURSLOW, Miss F. IVENS, Dr. SIDNEY FORSDIKE, Mr. L. RIVETT, Dr. D. MCASKIE, Dr. R. K. FORD, and the PRESIDENT.

3 p.m.—Demonstration of midwifery models by Lieut.-Colonel ANDREW BUCHANAN, I.M.S.

*Friday, July 27th*—9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Papers: Professor W. BLAIR BELL, Modern Views on Dysmenorrhoea; Professor C. G. LOWRY, Three Cases of Chorion-epithelioma and One Case of Tuberculosis of the Cervix; Mr. BECKWITH WHITEHOUSE, with Dr. HENRY FEATHERSTONE, Certain Observations on the Innervation of the Uterus; Dr. SIDNEY FORSDIKE, The Treatment of Uncontrollable Uterine Haemorrhage by Radium; Mr. LANE ROBERTS, Syphilis in its Relation to Obstetrics; Dr. W. R. MACKENZIE, Roentgenographic Pelvimetry.

#### PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.

*President:* HUGH MACLEAN, M.D., D.Sc., M.R.C.P.

*Vice-Presidents:* Professor FREDERICK HOBDAY, C.M.G., F.R.C.V.S., F.R.S.Ed.; A. F. BERNARD SHAW, M.D., F.R.C.P.I.; Professor G. HASWELL WILSON, M.B., Ch.B.

*Honorary Secretaries:* J. A. D. RADCLIFFE, M.B., B.Ch., 41, Clarendon Road, Southsea; R. L. MACKENZIE WALLIS, M.D., 105, Harley Street, London, W.1.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Wednesday, July 25th.*—Discussion: Diseases of the Stomach, particularly with reference to Modern Methods of Investigation. To be opened by Dr. CHARLES BOLTON.

*Thursday, July 26th.*—The Value of Serological Tests in Diagnosis. To be opened by Professor H. R. DEAN.

*Friday, July 27th.*—The Part Played by Fungi in Disease. To be opened by Dr. A. CASTELLANI.

#### NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

*President:* HENRY DEVINE, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.

*Vice-Presidents:* D. K. HENDERSON, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.; C. M. HINDS HOWELL, M.D., F.R.C.P.; GEORGE RIDDOCH, M.D., M.R.C.P.; E. J. DAVIS TAYLOR, M.B., B.Ch.

*Honorary Secretaries:* J. L. JACKSON, M.B., B.Ch., Knowle Mental Hospital, Fareham, Hants; C. P. SYMONDS, M.D., M.R.C.P., 74, Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Wednesday, July 25th.*—Discussion: The Nervous Child. To be opened by Dr. H. C. CAMERON, followed by Drs. HELEN BOYLE, W. A. POITS, CRICHTON MILLER, C. H. MILLER, R. GORDON, Sir R. ARMSTRONG-JONES, Drs. M. D. EDER, C. F. HARFORD, G. AUDEN, and V. J. BLAKE.

*Thursday, July 26th.*—Discussion: The Sequelae of Encephalitis Lethargica. To be opened by Dr. E. F. BUZZARD, followed by Drs. HINDS HOWELL, G. RIDDOCH, A. FEILING, PORTER PHILLIPS, D. MCALPINE, and C. P. SYMONDS.

On Thursday afternoon Dr. C. DA FANO will give a demonstration on Epidemic and Herpetic Encephalitis. Dr. D. MCALPINE will show slides demonstrating the pathological appearances of Encephalitis Lethargica.

*Friday, July 27th.*—Discussion: The Prognosis in Psychosis occurring during Adolescence. To be opened by Dr. D. K. HENDERSON, followed by Dr. C. HUBERT BOND, Sir F. MOTT, Drs. PERCY SMITH, G. M. ROBERTSON, E. S. PASMORE, HELEN BOYLE, T. BEATON, and F. E. STOKES.

***The following Sections will each meet on Two Days.***

## OPHTHALMOLOGY.

*President:* Sir JOHN H. PARSONS, C.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.

*Vice-Presidents:* W. S. INMAN, M.B.; RANSOM PICKARD, C.B., C.M.G., M.S., F.R.C.S.

*Honorary Secretaries:* M. W. B. OLIVER, O.B.E., F.R.C.S., 128, Harley Street, London, W.1; J. A. VALENTINE, M.D., South View Lodge, 53, Kent Road, Southsea.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Thursday, July 26th.*—Discussion: The Clinical Significance of Scotometry. To be opened by Mr. A. H. H. SINCLAIR (Edinburgh).

*Friday, July 27th.*—Discussion: Ophthalmology in its Relation to the Navy, Army, and Air Force. Air Commodore D. MUNRO will speak, and other officers of the R.A.F. and from the Army and Navy will take part.

## PUBLIC HEALTH.

*President:* A. MEARNS FRASER, M.D., D.P.H.

*Vice-Presidents:* W. J. HOWARTH, C.B.E., M.D., D.P.H.; L. E. W. STEPHENS, C.B.E., M.R.C.S.; Professor F. E. WYNNE, M.B., D.P.H.

*Honorary Secretaries:* W. H. LAMPLOUGH, M.D., D.P.H., Bredon, Alverstoke; E. LEWYS-LLOYD, M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Gothic House, Towyn, Merionethshire.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Thursday, July 26th.*—Discussion: What Factors have Contributed toward the Recent Decrease in the Rate of Infantile Mortality, and are such Factors likely to be Permanent or Temporary? To be opened by Dr. JAMES WHEATLEY, County Medical Officer, Shropshire.

Paper: Dr. HAROLD SCURFIELD, The Value of Watercress as a Food, and Suggestions for its Extended Use.

*Friday, July 27th.*—Discussion: The Effect on Health of Sewer Air and Drain Air. To be opened by Professor F. E. WYNNE, Medical Officer of Health, Sheffield.

Paper: Dr. E. B. HAZLETON, A Predisposing Cause of Tuberculosis and its Prevention.

## DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

*President:* EDMUND CAUTLEY, M.D., F.R.C.P.

*Vice-Presidents:* CATHERINE CHISHOLM, M.D.; WILLIAM P. MCELDOWNEY, M.B., B.Ch.; ERIC PRITCHARD, M.D., M.R.C.P.

*Honorary Secretaries:* E. A. COCKAYNE, M.D., F.R.C.P., 33, Weymouth Street, London, W.1; R. HAMER HODGES, M.C., M.B., B.S., 93, Victoria Road, N., Southsea.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Thursday, July 26th.*—Discussion: Acidosis and Alkalosis in Children. To be opened by Dr. P. J. CAMMIDGE.

Paper: Mrs. CONWAY VERNEY, Reaction of the Blood in Children.

*Friday, July 27th.*—Discussion: Summer Diarrhoea. To be opened by Dr. DAVID NABARRO.

Paper: Dr. H. T. ASHBY (Manchester), After-effects of Tuberculosis of Abdomen in Children.

## LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY.

*President:* E. B. WAGGETT, D.S.O., M.B., B.Ch.

*Vice-Presidents:* SOMERVILLE HASTINGS, M.S., F.R.C.S.; A. J. M. WRIGHT, F.R.C.S.

*Honorary Secretaries:* G. H. ROSS, M.B., B.Ch., 28, Kent Road, Southsea; H. G. BEDFORD RUSSELL, F.R.C.S., 86, Harley Street, London, W.1.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Thursday, July 26th.*—(1) Internal Ear Deafness. Paper by DAN MCKENZIE, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed., followed by W. M. MOLLISON, M.Ch., F.R.C.S., A. J. WRIGHT, F.R.C.S. (2) Discussion: Ophthalmic Results of Sinus Troubles. To be opened by Mr. E. D. D. DAVIS, F.R.C.S. (3) The Treatment of Deformities in Ear, Nose, and Throat Work. Paper by H. D. GILLIES, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.

*Friday, July 27th.*—Morning Session: (1) Spasm of Larynx. Paper by Sir STCLAIR THOMSON, M.D., F.R.C.S., followed by Sir JAMES DUNDAS-GRANT, K.B.E., F.R.C.S., W. H. KELSON, M.D., F.R.C.S. (2) Organotherapy in Ear, Nose, and Throat Work. Paper by W. J. LEIGHTON, M.D. (3) Referred Pain of Nasal Sinus Origin. Paper by J. A. GIBB, M.D. Afternoon Session: (1) A New Function of the Vocal Cords. Paper by V. E. NEGUS, F.R.C.S. (2) Results of Canfield's Operation on the Antrum. Paper by Sir J. DUNDAS-GRANT, K.B.E., F.R.C.S. (3) Butyn as a Local Anaesthetic in Nose and Throat Work. Paper by WILLIAM HILL, M.D.

Members of the Orthopaedic, Anaesthetic, Neurological, and Medical Sections are cordially invited to join in these discussions.

## RADIOLOGY AND ELECTROLOGY.

*President:* S. GILBERT SCOTT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

*Vice-Presidents:* Professor SIDNEY RUSS, D.Sc.; W. J. TURRELL, M.D., D.M.R.E.

*Honorary Secretaries:* E. BEVERLEY BIRD, D.S.O., L.R.C.P. & S.I., 15, Clarence Parade, Southsea; G. T. LOUGHBOROUGH, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.M.R.E., 9, Bentinck Street, London, W.1.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Wednesday, July 25th.*—Discussion: The X-Ray Examination of the Urinary Tract. To be opened by Dr. R. W. A. SALMOND, followed by Mr. R. OGIER WARD, F.R.C.S., M.Ch., Dr. L. A. ROWDEN, Dr. H. E. GAMLEN, and Dr. G. B. BATTEN.

*Thursday, July 26th.*—Discussion: Medical Diathermy. To be opened by Dr. E. P. CUMBERBATCH, followed by Dr. C. A. ROBINSON, Dr. F. HOWARD HUMPHRIS, Dr. H. E. GAMLEN, and Dr. G. B. BATTEN.

There will be an exhibition of *x*-ray negatives and prints of the urinary tract. Prints or negatives (up to the number of ten for any name or hospital) should be sent to Dr. E. Beverley Bird, 15, Clarence Parade, Southsea. Every care will be taken of them, and they will be returned by post by August 10th. The Pathological Section will exhibit prints, negatives, specimens, etc., of outstanding interest in any subject.

## NAVAL AND MILITARY HYGIENE.

*President:* Surgeon Rear-Admiral Sir PERCY WM. BASSETT-SMITH, K.C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S., R.N. (ret.).

*Vice-Presidents:* Surgeon Captain R. St. G. S. BOND, F.R.C.S. Edin., R.N.; Air Commodore DAVID MUNRO, C.I.E., F.R.C.S.Edin., Medical Administrator R.A.F.M.S.; Sir LEONARD ROGERS, C.I.E., M.D., F.R.S., I.M.S. (ret.); Lieut.-Colonel N. J. CRAWFORD RUTHERFORD, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., M.B., Assistant Director of Hygiene, Southern Command.

*Honorary Secretaries:* Surgeon Commander K. DIGBY BELL, R.N., Royal Naval School of Physical Training, Portsmouth; Surgeon Commander D. H. C. GIVEN, M.D., R.N., Commander-in-Chief's Office, Portsmouth; Major W. L. E. FRETZ, M.B., R.A.M.C., Alexandra Military Hospital, Cosham, Hants; Wing Commander H. E. WHITTINGHAM, M.B., R.A.F.M.S., R.A.F. Central Laboratory, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N.3.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Wednesday, July 25th*—9.45 a.m. to 12 noon.—Discussion on Physical Training. To be opened by Group Captain M. W. FLACK, C.B.E., R.A.F.M.S., Some Considerations in the Estimation of Physical Efficiency, followed by Lieut.-Colonel C. R. SYLVESTER-BRADLEY, R.A.M.C., Some Aspects of Normality, with special reference to the Selection of Recruits; and Surgeon Commander K. DIGBY BELL, R.N., Some of the Points Embodied in the Curriculum of a Student of Physical Training.

12 noon to 12.45 p.m.—Wing Commander H. E. WHITTINGHAM and Flight Lieutenant A. F. ROOK, R.A.F.M.S. (members of the R.A.F. Sandfly Fever Commission), The Etiology of Phlebotomus Fever.

2.30 p.m.—Visit to Royal Naval School of Physical Training, where a demonstration and discussion will take place.

*Thursday, July 26th*—9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Discussion on War Surgery. To be opened by Major M. SINCLAIR, C.M.G., R.A.M.C., Recent Changes in Fracture Treatment, followed by Surgeon Captain D. W. HEWITT, C.B., C.M.G., R.N., Some General Remarks on Naval Surgery; and Major H. GRAEME ANDERSON, M.B.E., R.A.F.M.S., Aeroplane Accidents. The papers will be illustrated by lantern slides.

2.30 p.m.—Demonstration by Major M. SINCLAIR of special appliances for treatment of fractures. Visit to Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

*President:* Sir HENRY J. GAUVAIN, M.D., M.Ch.

*Vice-Presidents:* ROBERT ROBERTSON, M.D.; JANE WALKER, M.D.; R. A. YOUNG, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.

*Honorary Secretaries:* W. YOUNG WOODBURN, M.D., 75, Festing Road, Southsea; J. BROWNING ALEXANDER, M.D., M.R.C.P., 143, Harley Street, London, W.1.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Wednesday, July 25th.*—Discussions: (1) The Artificial Light Treatment of Lupus and other Forms of Tuberculosis. To be opened by Professor REYN (Copenhagen), followed by Dr. J. H. SEQUEIRA, Dr. SIDNEY RUSS, and Sir STCLAIR THOMSON. (2) The Present Position of the Surgical Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. To be opened by Dr. GRAVESEN (Vejlefjord Sanatorium), followed by Mr. J. E. H. ROBERTS, Dr. S. VERE PEARSON, Dr. L. S. T. BURRELL, Dr. CLAUDE LILLINGSTON, and Dr. CLIVE RIVIERE.

*Thursday, July 26th.*—Discussion: The Social Aspects of Tuberculosis, with special reference to Infectivity. To be opened by JANE WALKER, M.D., followed by Dr. H. BATTY SHAW, Professor S. LYLE CUMMINS, C.B., C.M.G., Dr. F. N. K. MENZIES, Dr. G. BROOKES DIXON, Dr. JOHN E. CHAPMAN, and Dr. C. MUTHU.

***The following Sections will each meet on One Day.***

## MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

*President:* H. B. BRACKENBURY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

*Vice-Presidents:* ALEXANDER FORBES, M.B., C.M.; L. A. PARRY, M.D., F.R.C.S.; Sir LESLIE SCOTT, K.C., M.P.

*Honorary Secretaries:* ARNOLD LYNDON, O.B.E., M.D., Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey; A. H. S. ROBERTS, M.D., 428, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Friday, July 27th.*—Discussion: Mental Deficiency in its Social Aspects—(*a*) education, (*b*) segregation, (*c*) sterilization.

Dr. WILLIAM POTTS (Psychological Expert to Birmingham Justices and Medical Officer Birmingham Committee for the Care of Mental Defectives) and Mrs. ELLEN PINSENT (Board of Control) will open the discussion. Dr. HENRY DEVINE (Medical Superintendent, Corporation Mental Hospital, Portsmouth) will deal with segregation; Dr. C. MACFIE CAMPBELL (Director, Boston Psychopathic Hospital, U.S.A.) will speak on the methods of organization for supervision of mental defectives, etc.; Dr. JOSEPH F. E. PRIDEAUX (D.C.M.S. and Headquarters, Mental and Neurological Inspector Ministry of Pensions) and Miss EVELYN FOX (Honorary Secretary of the Central Association for Mental Welfare) will deal with the educational aspect; Dr. W. NORWOOD EAST (Senior Medical Officer, Brixton Prison) will discuss the incidence of crime and mental defect; and Dr. R. A. GIBBONS (Gynaecologist, Grosvenor Hospital for Women, London) will speak on sterilization of mental defectives.

Apparatus for mental tests and an exhibit of work done by mental deficients will be shown in the Pathological Museum. A film illustrating the education of mentally defective children will be shown by Miss Evelyn Fox in the exhibition on Friday afternoon.

### ORTHOPAEDICS.

*President:* T. H. OPENSHAW, C.B., C.M.G., M.S., F.R.C.S.

*Vice-Presidents:* A. S. BLUNDELL BANKART, F.R.C.S.; JAMES RUSSELL, F.R.C.S.Ed.

*Honorary Secretaries:* WM. MARTIN, F.R.C.S.Ed., 43, Clarendon Road, Southsea; P. J. VERRALL, F.R.C.S., 116, Park Street, London, W.1.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Friday, July 27th*—9.45 a.m.—Discussion: The Operative Treatment of Osteo-arthritis. To be opened by Mr. R. C. ELMSLIE, followed by Messrs. HARRY PLATT, P. JENNER VERRALL, MCCRAE ATIKEN, and others.

11.45 a.m.—Papers: Mr. E. LAMING EVANS, Acute Rachitis in Late Childhood and Adolescence; Dr. ROBERT MILNE, The Prognosis of Legg's Disease of the Hip; Mr. P. BERNARD ROTH, The Treatment of Fractures of the Lower End of the Humerus; Mr. NAUGHTON DUNN, Congenital Talipes Equino-varus, its Prognosis and Treatment; Mr. T. H. OPENSHAW, C.B., C.M.G., Some Deformities of the Os Calcis.

### VENEREAL DISEASES.

*President:* Sir ARCHDALL REID, K.B.E., M.B., F.R.S.Ed.

*Vice-Presidents:* DAVID LEES, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed.; KENNETH M. WALKER, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.

*Honorary Secretaries:* ARCHIBALD CAMBELL, M.B., 12, Prudential Buildings, Portsmouth; W. R. SNODGRASS, M.B., F.R.F.P.S., 43, Ashton Terrace, Hillhead, Glasgow.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Friday, July 27th.*—Discussion: Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Gonococcal Prostatitis and Vesiculitis. To be opened by Mr. KENNETH M. WALKER and Dr. DAVID WATSON.

### ANAESTHETICS.

*President:* W. J. ESSERY, C.V.O., M.B.

*Vice-Presidents:* H. E. G. BOYLE, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; WM. CARLING, M.B., B.Ch.; C. H. MOTT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

*Honorary Secretaries:* R. H. EMMETT, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., The Corner, London Road, Portsmouth; H. R. PHILLIPS, M.D., 2, Cumberland Mansions, Bryanston Square, W.1.

The following programme has been arranged:

*Thursday, July 26th.*—Papers: Dr. HAROLD SINGTON (London), Anaesthesia for Children; Dr. ARTHUR L. FLEMMING (Bristol), Fatalities from Anaesthetics; Dr. H. E. G. BOYLE (London), Paper and Demonstration of Apparatus for Administration of Gas, C.E., and Oxygen.

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## TIME-TABLE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, JULY 20TH.

10 a.m.—Representative Meeting, Examination Hall, Municipal College, Portsmouth.
4.45 p.m.—Extraordinary General Meeting, Municipal College, Portsmouth.
7.15 p.m.—Representatives' Dinner, Mayor's Banqueting Room, Town Hall.

SATURDAY, JULY 21ST.

9.30 a.m.—Representative Meeting, Examination Hall.
1 p.m.—Official Photograph of Representative Body.
9 p.m.—Smoking Concert, the Mayor's Banqueting Room, Town Hall.

SUNDAY, JULY 22ND.

8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m.—Masses in St. John's Cathedral.
10 a.m.—Whole-day trip to Southampton and visit to Liners.
11 a.m.—Services in St. Thomas's Church, Portsmouth, and in the Congregational Church, Kent Road, Southsea.
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Portsmouth Brotherhood, Wesleyan Church.
3 p.m.—Meeting of Gosport Brotherhood, Congregational Church, High Street, Gosport.

MONDAY, JULY 23RD.

9 a.m.—Council Meeting, Municipal College.
9.30 a.m.—Representative Meeting, Examination Hall.
1 p.m.—Reception Room open for Registration.
9 p.m.—Gala Performance, King's Theatre.

TUESDAY, JULY 24TH.

9.30 a.m.—Opening of Annual Exhibition by the President.
10 a.m.—Representative Meeting, Examination Hall.
2 p.m.—Annual General Meeting (Short Session), Municipal College, followed by Representative Meeting.
*4.30 p.m.—Official Religious Service in St. Thomas's Church.
*8 p.m.—Adjourned General Meeting and President's Address, Main Hall, Town Hall.
*9.45 p.m.—President's Reception, Queen's Hotel, Southsea.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25TH.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion at St. Thomas's Church.
8 a.m.—Medical Missionary Breakfast.
8.30 a.m.—Operations at Royal Portsmouth Hospital and Eye and Ear Hospital.
9 a.m.—Council Meeting, Municipal College.
2 p.m.—Visit to King Edward VII Sanatorium, Midhurst.
2 to 3 p.m.—Demonstrations, Royal Portsmouth Hospital.
2.30 p.m.—Secretaries' Conference, Municipal College.
2.30 p.m.—Excursions to H.M.S. *Victory*, H.M. Dockyard, H.M.S. *Renown*, Whale Island, H.M. Gunwharf (H.M.S. *Vernon*).
2.30 p.m.—Demonstrations at R.N. School of Physical Training, R.N. Barracks.
2.45 p.m.—Demonstrations in the Pathological Museum, Municipal College.
6.30 p.m.—Secretaries' Dinner, The Corner House.
*9 p.m.—Civic Reception by the Mayor on South Parade Pier.

THURSDAY, JULY 26TH.

8 a.m.—Medical Temperance Breakfast.
8.30 a.m.—Operations at Royal Portsmouth and Eye and Ear Hospitals.
*9 a.m.—High Mass in St. John's Cathedral.
9.30 a.m.—Excursion to Hayling Golf Links: Competition for Ulster and Childe Cups.
2 p.m.—Excursion to Hayling Island Sanatorium.
Excursion to "Seacourt," Hayling, Hants; visit to Mosquito Control Station and Old English Tennis Court.
2.15 p.m.—Visit to R.N. Hospital, Haslar, and the Submarine Dépôt, Fort Blockhouse.
2.30 p.m.—Demonstrations and Cases at Royal Portsmouth Hospital and Eye and Ear Hospital; Reception and Tea.
2.30 p.m.—Excursions to H.M.S. *Victory*, H.M. Dockyard, H.M.S. *Renown*, H.M. Yacht *Victoria and Albert*, Whale Island, H.M. Gunwharf (H.M.S. *Vernon*).
2.30 p.m.—Visit to Whale Island (H.M.S. *Excellent*).
2.45 p.m.—Demonstrations in the Pathological Museum.
3 p.m.—Garden Party at the White House, Emsworth, Hants.
7 for 7.30 p.m.—Annual Dinner of the Association, Town Hall, Portsmouth.
7.30 p.m.—Gala Performance at the Theatre Royal.
9.30 p.m.—Reception by Portsmouth Division, British Medical Association, Clarence Pier, Southsea.

FRIDAY, JULY 27TH.

8.30 a.m.—Operations at Royal Portsmouth and Eye and Ear Hospitals.
2 p.m.—Visit to Ventnor Sanatorium.
2.30 p.m.—Visit to Clarence Victualling Yard, Gosport.
2.30 p.m.—Excursions to H.M.S. *Victory*, etc.
2.30 p.m.—Visit to Whale Island (H.M.S. *Excellent*).
2.45 p.m.—Demonstrations in the Pathological Museum.
3.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Garden Party at "Craneswater," Southsea.
7.30 p.m.—Popular Lecture by Captain W. E. Elliot, M.C., M.P.
9 p.m.—Ball at the Town Hall, Portsmouth.
9 p.m.—Dance at the Esplanade Assembly Rooms.
9 p.m.—Gala Performance at the Hippodrome.

SATURDAY, JULY 28TH.

9 a.m.—Excursions to Winchester, Brighton, Bournemouth, Salisbury, Farnham and Hindhead, Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Home, Alton, and to the Isle of Wight.

*Academic dress or uniform, with decorations, will be worn on these occasions.

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*Honorary Local General Secretary:*

C. A. SCOTT RIDOUT, M.S., F.R.C.S., St. Elmo, Clarendon Road, Southsea.

*Assistant Honorary General Secretary:*

E. J. DAVIS TAYLOR, M.B., B.Ch., 20, Clarence Parade, Southsea.

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*Annual Dinner.*

The Annual Dinner of the Association will be held in the Town Hall, Portsmouth, on Thursday, July 26th, at 7.30 o'clock. It is requested that as many members as possible will come in full evening dress with decorations,

as there will be many distinguished naval and military officers present. The Executive Committee has decided not to ballot for the tickets unless the demand is greatly in excess of the accommodation; applications will be taken in their order; they should be made at the Reception Room before July 25th.

*The Pathological Museum.*

The arrangements for the Museum are now practically completed. It will be housed in the main building of the Portsmouth Municipal College, in rooms and laboratories surrounded by those used for the various sections. X-ray negatives will be shown in electrically-illuminated viewing boxes holding about six in each box and a change of exhibits will be made daily. In addition to the list of those who have promised demonstrations, as previously announced, may be added that of Sir Leonard Rogers, F.R.S., who is collaborating with Dr. H. A. Miller, pathologist to King Edward VII Sanatorium, in a demonstration of some of the most recent researches in tuberculosis.

*Reception Room.*

The reception room is situated on the first floor of the Municipal College. It will be open for registration on Monday, July 23rd, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members are asked to register their names immediately on arrival; they will then receive the member's card, the handbook of the meeting, the Annual Exhibition catalogue, and the *Book of Portsmouth*. Information about meetings, excursions, and entertainments, will be obtainable in the reception room, and tickets will be supplied for the various functions for which they are required.

*Academic Costume.*

Messrs. Ede and Ravenscroft, robe makers by special appointment to the British Medical Association, have made arrangements to have available at the Annual Meeting at Portsmouth a supply of robes for hire for the occasions when academic dress will be worn. Members desiring to avail themselves of these facilities should communicate immediately with Messrs. Ede and Ravenscroft, 93 and 94, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2.

*The Annual Exhibition.*

An important feature in connexion with the Annual Meeting, and one of great interest to every member, will be the Annual Exhibition of Surgical Instruments and Appliances, X-Ray Apparatus, Drugs, Books, Foods, etc. Through the good offices of the President-Elect, the Exhibition this year will be held in the Gymnasium of the Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, adjoining the official Luncheon Room which is being arranged for the convenience of members. The Exhibition will remain open from Tuesday, July 24th, to Friday, July 27th, daily, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A special effort has been made to include in it a fully representative collection of instruments, appliances, pharmaceutical and dietetic preparations, with special reference to the daily work of the medical practitioner. The response by manufacturers to the invitation of the Association to assist in this manner has been very satisfactory, and the Exhibition will undoubtedly deserve the attention of all members attending the Annual Meeting. The hall is large and lofty and the gangways sufficiently wide to ensure easy inspection of the goods displayed upon specially built stands of uniform design. The Royal Naval Barracks are within five minutes' easy walk of the Reception Room and Scientific Sections; they are reached by a pathway across Victoria Park.

*Garage Accommodation.*

As notified in the SUPPLEMENT of June 30th, arrangements have been made by Dr. W. P. McEldowney, "Elmhurst," London Road, North End, Portsmouth, to provide garage accommodation for those members who gave notice before July 6th. Motorists on entering the Hilsea Lines will be instructed as to motor accommodation, and it is hoped that members who intend to motor to Portsmouth have already communicated with Dr. McEldowney.

*Golf, Lawn Tennis, and Croquet.*

The annual competition for the Ulster Cup will be played over the course of the Hayling Golf Club on Thursday, July 26th. The President, Mr. Charles P. Childe, has this year offered a cup, to be called the Childe Cup, open to members of the Association having a handicap of 10 or over, 18 being the maximum allowed. Entries must be made at the Reception Room before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25th.

The Committee and members of the Alverstoke Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club hope that the members of the British Medical Association will consider themselves honorary members of the club during their visit to Portsmouth from July 18th to 28th.

*Excursions.*

The Programme of Excursions arranged in connexion with the Annual Meeting was printed in last week's SUPPLEMENT, p. 17. In addition to visits, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, to Royal Naval establishments and other places of interest in the immediate neighbourhood, there will be excursions on Saturday to Winchester, Brighton, Bournemouth, Salisbury, Farnham and Hindhead, Alton, and the Isle of Wight.

The Town Hall, Portsmouth.

## RAILWAY FACILITIES.

THE railway companies in conference have agreed to issue railway tickets to members of the British Medical Association attending the Annual Meeting at a single fare and one-third for the double journey. These tickets will only be issued by the railway companies upon presentation of a special voucher which may be obtained from the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, 429, Strand, W.C.2.

For the convenience of members residing within a radius of fifty miles of Portsmouth the railway company has undertaken to issue from Portsmouth and Southsea Station return tickets at a fare and a third on presentation at the booking office of the official member's card. This card is issued from the Reception Room, Portsmouth.

Members therefore should use the railway ticket they obtain in exchange for the voucher for the first journey to and the last journey from Portsmouth. For all intermediate journeys the reduced tickets can be obtained on exhibiting the member's card to the booking clerks at Portsmouth and Southsea Station. (Sunday is considered a *dies non.*)

A railway clerk will be in attendance at the Reception Room during the period of the meeting.

# Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

### EDINBURGH BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Edinburgh Branch was held at North Berwick on June 27th. There was a good attendance, and the cordial invitation to the ladies met with a good response and enhanced the enjoyment of the day.

At the conclusion of luncheon a letter was read from the Medical Secretary, Dr. COX, complimenting the Branch on the excellence of the day's programme. Cordial votes of thanks were adopted to the Town Council of North Berwick and to the Education Authority for the facilities afforded for holding the meeting, and to Dr. W. R. Martine, Honorary Secretary of the Lothians Division and President-elect, for the excellent arrangements he had made in connexion therewith. The afternoon was chiefly occupied between visiting the Bass Rock by motor boat and the Branch golf competition.

The President-elect entertained the members to tea at 4.15 p.m., and the business meeting commenced at 4.45 p.m., when, in the absence of Dr. J. S. Muir, President, Dr. J. LAMOND LACKIE, Vice-President, took the chair.

The annual reports of the Branch and of the Divisions were submitted and approved. The financial statement showed the finances of the Branch to be in a satisfactory condition, and the Treasurer was thanked for his services.

The following office-bearers, nominated by the Branch Council, were elected for 1923-24:

*President*, Dr. W. R. Martine. *President-elect*, Dr. R. Thin. *Past-President*, Dr. J. S. Muir. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. J. Lamond Lackie, Dr. J. W. Somerville. *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. Douglas Guthrie. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. John Stevens. *Assistant Honorary Secretary*, Mr. F. E. Jardine.

Dr. W. R. MARTINE was installed amid acclamation as President, and on taking the chair expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him in his election as President. After delivering a short inaugural address he proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the retiring President, and expressed the high appreciation of the Branch for the services Dr. Muir had rendered during his year of office.

The President presented the prizes for the golf competition, the first going to Dr. John Hunter, and the second being divided between Drs. W. J. Crow, R. H. Blaikie, and John Young, whose scores were equal.

It was reported that Dr. John Stevens had been elected representative for 1923-24 of the Edinburgh and Fife Branches on the Council of the Association. The President was elected to fill the annual vacancy on the Board of Management of the Queen Mary Nursing Home in succession to Dr. R. W. Craig, whose three years' term of office had expired. Dr. BOWIE reported on the proceedings of the local Voluntary Hospitals Committee for the Lothians and Peebles.

A report was presented on the proceedings of the Scottish Committee, including references to the inquiry being made into the results of gastro-enterostomy and gastrectomy, and to the action taken with regard to the unabated mortality from puerperal sepsis.

In regard to the Annual Report of Council, the SECRETARY drew attention to the proposal of the Organization Committee that the public health service should be represented on Branch Councils in the proportion of one to every fifteen members or fraction thereof, and to the action reported in the Supplementary Report regarding the acquisition of new premises.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President.

### GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: RENFREWSHIRE AND BUTESHIRE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Renfrewshire and Buteshire Division was held in the Corn Exchange Restaurant, Glasgow, on June 28th, when Dr. HILL was in the chair.

The report of the Division for 1922 was approved.

The following office-bearers were appointed:

*Chairman*, Dr. Tellet. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Clow. *Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Struthers. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Wardlaw.

Dr. TELLET having succeeded to the chair, a vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Hill for his services as chairman for the past three years.

The Annual Report of Council was introduced by Dr. HILL, and was dealt with in detail by Drs. MCMICHAEL (Public Health), D. S. RICHMOND (National Health Insurance, etc.), and STRUTHERS (Organization, etc.).

The Model Rules of Organization were considered and adopted with slight modification.

The status of Bute within the Division was considered in view of the difficulty experienced by Buteshire members in attending meetings. On the motion of Dr. LAWSON (Rothesay) it was decided that no action be taken.

It was decided that two meetings be held annually—a winter meeting in Glasgow and a summer meeting at the coastal end of the Division on the first Thursday of December and June respectively.

A small subcommittee was appointed consisting of the chairman, the secretary, and Dr. C. S. Black, to scrutinize the public press and as far as possible to refute or correct any misleading statements made therein.

The non-members list was considered and the secretary was instructed to send each non-member a circular letter enclosing a form of application for membership.

### LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

THE eighty-seventh annual meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch was held at Liverpool on July 4th. An excellent luncheon was provided for the members by the Liverpool Division, and over 100 members were present, who appreciated fully the convenient and hospitable premises of the Liverpool Medical Institution.

Dr. GILBERT E. ORME, J.P., after the routine business of the meeting was completed, introduced the new President, Mr. F. STRONG HEANEY, who delivered a stimulating address entitled, "Some Thoughts on our Present Discontent." Speaking first on economic conditions, Mr. Heaney forecast that there was little likelihood of the profession being placed under unfavourable conditions at the hands of the friendly societies. There was, he said, no third alternative between a panel system with free choice of doctor and a State medical service with no choice. In the scheme of National Insurance the doctor was a necessity—the friendly societies only the survival of a vested interest. The remuneration paid to men giving medical benefit was so much paid to the profession as a whole, and actually the panel rate was an important factor in the forces which determined the standard of remuneration in every field of medical work. On the question of the hospital policy of the Association there was much needless divergence of opinion. The leading principle underlying that policy was that in so far as any hospital was exercising the charitable function for which it was established the services of the medical staff should be freely available, but where non-charitable contracts were entered into the conditions of the contract should be such as to meet with the approval of the profession and its services should be paid for. Mr. Heaney, in the third place, made a plea for the use of the British Medical Association machinery in furthering scientific research and observation. Discussion by the Divisions on current sociological problems would lead to the profession being in a position to lead and to guide the stream of public opinion. On such subjects as birth control the profession should do its duty in the search for a guiding principle. The Divisions might be used for the collection of records of the results of insulin and other endocrine methods of treatment. In a national campaign for research into the cause and prevention of cancer the Divisions should, he considered, take a strong hand in the collection of clinical records of individual cases, both as to occupational and other conditions and as to the after-histories of treated cases. Many reliable facts might emerge, and as it was a truism that intensive study of any one subject reacted on the general mental acumen of the individual, the profession should all benefit by participating in this important investigation. The education of the public in the detection of the early stages of cancer by lectures or otherwise would lose any possible characterization of advertisement if conducted under the aegis of the Divisions. When, long ahead, the cancer problem was solved and endocrinology became an open book, other problems would spring up to take their place and medical men would still, it was to be hoped, be in that state of divine discontent and restlessness which was the surest indication of professional vitality.

In moving a vote of thanks to the President for his address Dr. ORME spoke on the advantageous position of the medical man in arousing the public to subscribe to the central fund for cancer research.

Dr. Henry Harvey (Liverpool) and Dr. R. G. McGowan (Manchester) were appointed Vice-Presidents; Dr. Corsar Sturrock (Manchester) was confirmed in his appointment as Hon. Secretary; Dr. D'Ewart and Dr. Colley Salter (Manchester) were elected auditors; and votes of thanks were adopted to the retiring officers and Council.

A very interesting exhibition of clinical cases was given by Dr. HUBERT ARMSTRONG (congenital laryngeal stridor and achondroplasia), Dr. BICKERTON (congenital eye defects), Dr. BARENDT and Dr. MCKENNA (dermatological cases), Dr. DINGWALL FORDYCE (post-encephalitis lethargica cases), Mr. MONSARRAT and Mr. KENNON (surgical cases), and pathological specimens were shown by Mr. KENNON and Dr. FRANCES IVENS. The provision of scientific material was, however, almost too liberal, and it was to be regretted that the other attractions of the afternoon rather reduced the attendance for the later speakers.

A large party enjoyed a delightful excursion to the works of Messrs. Lever Brothers at Port Sunlight, visiting not only the works but the splendid art collection and museum of Lord Leverhulme, and afternoon tea was provided by the kind invitation of the great soap firm. Another party was conducted over the Liverpool University Buildings and the new Cathedral, and a third party played golf at Huyton Golf Links. A bogey competition was held for a souvenir presented by the President, who himself returned the best card; but relinquishing the prize, he settled the claims of the three members who tied for second place by a decisive method of his own. The annual dinner of the Branch was held in the evening in the University Club, some fifty members being present, and a very useful and enjoyable annual meeting was thus brought to a close.

### METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.

THE annual meetings of the Willesden Division were held at the Willesden General Hospital on May 17th and June 18th.

The following office-bearers were elected for the year:

*Chairman*, Dr. C. H. Auty. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. G. W. R. Skene. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Wm. Paterson. *Clinical Secretary*, Dr. J. W. Brash. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Wm. Paterson. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. C. F. T. Scott.

The financial statement showed that the ordinary expenditure was £41 14s. 9d., leaving a credit balance of £1 0s. 9d. It was announced

that members and non-members had contributed £94 14s. 6d. to a special fund—£53 8s. 1d. of which had been spent on paying the approved municipal election expenses of three medical candidates.

Votes of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Secretaries were followed by a very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Skene, Chairman of the Public Health Committee, and to Dr. Lock, Chairman of the Children's Care Committee of the Willesden District Council, for their arduous and difficult work in connexion with the health services. In replying, Dr. SKENE reported the result of their labours, which was considered most satisfactory.

Dr. BUCHAN, the Medical Officer of Health, explained the proposals in the Annual Report for co-operation between the Society of Medical Officers of Health and the British Medical Association, and the recommendations of the Council were unanimously agreed to. The remainder of the report was carefully considered and the recommendations generally agreed to, but the Representative was empowered to use his discretion in voting after hearing discussions at the Annual Representative Meeting.

The HONORARY SECRETARY reported that the Medical Advisory Committee had been re-elected for two years at a meeting of all the doctors in Willesden, and three vacancies filled.

A special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. S. Coulson, who had given valuable assistance in keeping the minutes and in the work of the Division and the Advisory Committee generally during the past two years.

An adjourned meeting of the Division was held on June 20th, when Dr. C. H. AUTY was in the chair.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN the meeting unanimously tendered a vote of thanks to the late Chairman of the Division (Dr. G. W. Skene) for his work not only on behalf of the local profession, but of the whole country in connexion with the rearrangement of the local health services. Dr. SKENE, in thanking the meeting for its kindly expression, stated that he could only emphasize that what he had been able to do for the profession had only been possible because he felt he had the whole Division behind him.

Dr. PATERSON proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Dr. SCOTT, and carried:

> That the Division place on record its thanks to Dr. Brash for his work during the past year as Honorary Clinical Secretary in arranging the series of interesting clinical meetings.

Dr. McEvoy was appointed to fill the vacancy upon the Executive Committee caused through Dr. Scott, subsequent to his election to the Executive Committee, being elected as representative of the Division upon the Branch Council, and therefore becoming an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee.

A letter was read from the Metropolitan Counties Branch Council of the Association expressing its thanks to the Division for its work during the past year on behalf of the profession generally in the matter of the Willesden health services, and particularly to Drs. Lock and Skene for their work thereon as members of the Urban District Council.

The HONORARY SECRETARY reported that a meeting of the local profession had been held on June 1st, when a report of the work of the Willesden Medical Advisory Committee during the past year had been submitted and the same personnel had been re-elected for a period of two years with the following variations: Consultant: Lieut.-Colonel Kirkpatrick, I.M.S. (ret.). General Practitioner: Dr. de Beer Thomson. Whole-time Officer: Dr. Turner. These facts had been reported to the Clerk to the Urban District Council.

With regard to procedure at meetings of the Division, it was resolved, on the motion of Dr. BRASH, seconded by Dr. WHITEHALL COOKE:

> (i) That speeches by proposers of motions or amendments must not exceed five minutes, other speakers must not exceed three minutes, subject to such periods being extended for any speaker if the meeting so desires; and (ii) that no member shall speak more than once upon the same motion except that the proposer may exercise his right of reply, such reply not to exceed three minutes.

The consideration of the Annual Report of the Council of the Association was resumed, and while the meeting approved the recommendations of the Council, including those as to co-operation between the Association and the Society of Medical Officers of Health and the minimum scale of salaries for medical officers of health, the Division's Representative (Dr. Paterson) was given permission to use his discretion in voting upon the recommendations of the Council at the Annual Representative Meeting after having had the benefit of hearing the debates thereon at such meeting.

Dr. SCOTT explained the attitude adopted by the representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees with respect to the proposals put forward by the Insurance Acts Committee as to the terms of service of insurance practitioners for 1924 onwards at the Conference held on June 7th. (See BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT of June 16th, 1923.)

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### NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Northern Counties of Scotland Branch was held at Dornoch on June 23rd. There was a good attendance of members. The meeting was held at Dornoch so as to suit the convenience of members in the northern counties. The distance of Dornoch from Inverness no doubt prevented many more members from being present, Inverness being 63 miles by road and Nairn 77 miles; one member motored 84 miles to attend the meeting. These figures give members in the South some idea of the distances members in the outlying northern counties have to travel to attend meetings. The Executive Committee of the Branch have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of the meeting, as 61 members and their guests sat down to lunch. The business meeting was held in the Station Hotel, Dornoch. In the absence of the President, Dr. Gillies (owing to a motor car mishap), Dr. PENDER SMITH (Dingwall) took his place and installed the President-elect, Dr. MACLACHLAN (Dornoch), in the chair.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting for 1924 at Inverness.

The following office-bearers were elected:

*President*, Dr. MacLachlan, M.B.E. (Dornoch). *President-elect*, Dr. J. Munro Moir (Inverness). *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. Gillies (Inverness) and Dr. J. Taylor. *Joint Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers*, Dr. Duncan Macfadyen, M.C. (Inverness), and Dr. Munro Moir (Inverness).

The report of the Branch Council stated that three meetings of the Branch had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 30. A British Medical Association lecture was delivered by Dr. HOPE FOWLER (Edinburgh) on radiology as applied to general practice. These lectures are very much appreciated, members in the country coming long distances to attend them. Six members were elected during the year. The financial statement showed a small balance in hand. The Branch Council recorded with regret the death of a well known practitioner, Dr. John Adam (Forres), who was for many years a member of the Association and took an active interest in its welfare. After a discussion on Highlands and Islands, initiated by Dr. LEACH (Beauly), it was unanimously resolved to write to the Highlands and Islands Committee complaining that no action had been taken by them to deal with the urgent situation in the Highlands and Islands arising out of the impending changes in the working of National Health Insurance, and asking the Committee to call an urgent meeting in connexion therewith.

After the business meeting the members and their friends to the number of 61 adjourned for lunch, when the President, Dr. MACLACHLAN, was in the chair. The Provost of Dornoch, Sheriff Forbes, and other prominent citizens of Dornoch were present as guests. The courtesy of the golf course was extended to members of the Branch, who had an opportunity of playing over one of the finest courses in Britain; others motored to Skibo Castle, the policies and gardens of which, through the kindness of Mrs. Carnegie, were open to members and their friends, and tea was provided by Mrs. Carnegie.

The meeting was pronounced to be a great success and fully justified the Executive Committee in departing from the routine of holding the annual meeting in the larger centres of the Branch.

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### NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE DIVISION.

AT the instance of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Division, and with the co-operation of the Committee of the Medical Institute (J. Wilkie Smith Memorial), a reception was held for recently qualified Durham graduates. Dr. DON, Chairman of the Division, received the guests, and a great many members of the Division were present to meet the new arrivals into the profession.

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### SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

A SOCIAL meeting of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch was held at Gilfach Goch on June 21st. The President, Dr. D. Naunton Morgan, and Mrs. Morgan, kindly entertained the members and their wives to tea. During the afternoon a most interesting paper on the fossils of the South Wales coalfield was given by Mr. DAVID DAVIES, D.Sc., who has made an exhaustive survey of the flora and fauna of the coalfield and is recognised as an authority upon the subject. Musical items, both instrumental and vocal, were rendered during the afternoon, and the large number of guests who were present had a very enjoyable visit.

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### SUSSEX BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Sussex Branch was held in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Eastbourne, on July 5th. Previous to the meeting, Sir Charles O'Brien Harding, the President-elect, entertained about eighty members and guests to luncheon in a tent on The Saffrons grounds. Among those present were the Mayor of Eastbourne, Councillor Gilbert Soddy, the Rev. Canon Streatfield, the President of the Eastbourne Cricket and Football Club, the captains of the Eastbourne Cricket Club and of the Cambridge University XI, Dr. Broadbent (Chairman of the Brighton Division), Dr. W. G. Willoughby (M.O.H. for Eastbourne), Dr. Muir Smith (Secretary of the Eastbourne Division), Dr. Causton (Secretary of the Lewes Division), Mr. G. Morgan (the retiring President of the Branch), Dr. L. A. Parry (Secretary of the Branch), Dr. Gostling, Dr. Hinds, and others. The health of the President, proposed by Mr. H. D. G. LEVESON-GOWER, was received with the most hearty applause.

The following officers were elected:

*President*, Sir Charles O'Brien Harding. *President-elect*, Dr. Hosey (Hastings). *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. Morgan (Brighton) and Dr. Garratt (Chichester). *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. L. A. Parry (Brighton).

Sir CHARLES HARDING then read his presidential address on "Medical work and preparatory schools," at the termination of which a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him.

After the meeting members attended a cricket match (Cambridge University XI *v.* H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI) on The Saffrons, by the courtesy of the President and Committee of the Eastbourne Cricket and Football Club, and also the Eastbourne Horticultural Society's annual display of sweet pea exhibits, and an orchestral concert at Devonshire Park, at the invitation of the members of the Horticultural Society, and the Directors of the Devonshire Park and Baths Company. Tea was provided on the cricket ground by the members of the Eastbourne Division, and one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Branch came to a conclusion.

# National Insurance.

## CHANGE OF TERMS OF INSURANCE SERVICE.

THE following communications have passed between the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association and the Ministry of Health as a result of the discussion at the deputation on June 26th, 1923, as to length of notice of alteration of terms of service of medical practitioners.

### I.

On July 4th Dr. Cox wrote to Sir Arthur Robinson:

In accordance with our arrangement at the Conference we had with you on June 26th, I have looked into the history of what was agreed between the Insurance Acts Committee and the Ministry in reference to length of notice to be given in connexion with any alteration of the terms of service of insurance practitioners.

The history goes back to October, 1916, when the Conference of Representatives of Local Medical anl Panel Committees recommended the Insurance Acts Committee to do all in its power to obtain three months' notice to Panel Committees of any intended alteration in the agreements so as to give adequate time for consideration. This was discussed between the Committee and representatives of the National Health Insurance Commission on December 18th, 1916, and I extract the following from a letter from the Commissioners dated January 11th, 1917:

"It will be appreciated that in order to allow of Insurance Committees being informed of proposed alterations in the course of September, it is necessary for the Commissioners at a much earlier date to consider the matter in consultation with their Advisory Committee."

This extract shows that at that time, when the notice practitioners had to give to terminate their services was only six weeks, the Commissioners appreciated that it was desirable that the proposed alterations should be made known in the course of September.

In a reply addressed to the Commissioners on January 19th, 1917, I made the following statement:

"The Committee desires to make it quite plain to the Commissioners that Panel Committees will not be satisfied unless definite arrangements can be made by the Commissioners which will allow the Insurance Acts Committee to communicate to Panel Committees by October 1st at latest, the details of any proposed alterations in the agreement for the ensuing year."

In a letter from the Commissioners dated April 14th, 1917, occurs the following paragraph:

"I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (England) to state that as pointed out in their letter of January 11th last, in the year 1916 the regulations embodying alterations in the agreement were in the hands of Panel Committees some days before October 1st, and the Commissioners anticipate no difficulty in adhering to this procedure on future occasions."

From an agreed report of the discussion at our deputation to the Commissioners on September 20th, 1917 (forwarded with a letter from the Commissioners dated October 25th, 1917), I extract the following:

"It was stated on behalf of the deputation that after going into all the pros and cons, the Insurance Acts Committee felt that it was essential that a longer period should be allowed between the completion of the central negotiation, *i.e.*, October 1st and the date by which the individual doctor must give notice if he desires to leave the panel. . . . As a result of further discussion it was agreed that the object desired by the suggested change (namely, the suggested alteration of date of notice to December 1st), could be met by notice of intended alterations being given to Panel Committees and individual doctors a fortnight earlier than at present. This would involve the central negotiations being concluded a fortnight earlier and the Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees being held at the beginning instead of at the middle of October. It was agreed that there were inconveniences attached to this rearrangement and that these inconveniences would be lessened by making the dates as late as possible."

It will be noted that the period of notice to be given by the doctor was still six weeks, and yet it was agreed by all parties concerned at that time that arrangements should be made so that the Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees could be held at the beginning instead of at the middle of October.

A letter from the Commissioners dated September 3rd, 1918, contains the following passage:

"The Commissioners feel that the postponement of the date from November 26th to December 1st presents insuperable difficulties and that the solution must be found (as indicated in agreed note of the interview) in advancing the date of the central negotiations and the issue for publication of the draft regulations . . . and they do not anticipate any difficulty in adopting a procedure in future years which will enable the proposed regulations to be available for Panel and Local Medical Committees at a corresponding date and in any event not later than the end of September."

The matter was next dealt with at a discussion between the representatives of the Commissioners and representatives of the Conditions of Service Subcommittee of the Insurance Acts Committee. At its meeting on March 26th, 1919, the Subcommittee had before it a memorandum prepared by the Commissioners on the question of the agreement. From this document I extract paragraph 9:

"9. Thus the regular procedure as regards revision of the Regulations affecting the medical service, and of the other provisions of the doctor's agreement with an Insurance Committee, has now come to be as follows:

(*a*) The Commissioners confer with the Insurance Acts Committee on any possible alterations that appear to need consideration. Possible alterations so considered always include, of course, any that have been suggested on behalf of the profession. In these negotiations the Insurance Acts Committee act under such instructions as they may have received from the Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees, and consult the Conference, or the Committees directly, as may be found necessary or desirable.

(*b*) After these consultations, any alterations which it appears to the Commissioners should be made are incorporated in regulations the terms of which are made known, at latest, *early in October*.

(*c*) Each Insurance Committee must thereupon consider any modifications in the local condition of service, consult the Local Medical and Panel Committees, and obtain the approval of the Commissioners. Not less than *eight weeks* (in Scotland six weeks) before the end of the year the Insurance Committee must make known to the practitioners of the area the general conditions of service in the area for the ensuing year.

(*d*) The revised conditions of service for the area for the ensuing year being thus determined and made known, any practitioner who desires to withdraw from the service for the coming year (whether on account of the modifications made in the terms of service or for any other reason) must give notice to that effect not less than *six weeks* (in Scotland four weeks) before the commencement of that year. In the absence of such notice he remains on the list, and subject to the obligations of the Agreement as revised."

The following is an extract from the Minutes of the Conditions of Service Subcommittee of March 26th, 1919:

"Considerable discussion took place on the Subcommittee's desire that insurance practitioners should have until December 1st instead of November 19th, as at present, by which to notify Insurance Committees that they would not continue on the panel during the following year, which arrangement was not acceptable to the Commissioners.

"Dr. Whitaker suggested that some such time-table as the following would probably meet the Subcommittee's desires in the matter:

(*a*) Second week in September: Issue of Insurance Acts Committee's report to Panel Committees of negotiations with Commissioners.

(*b*) Third week in September: Meetings of Panel Committees to be held to consider Insurance Acts Committee's Report.

(*c*) First or second week in October: Annual Conference of Representatives of Panel Committees.

(*d*) November 19th: Date when individual insurance practitioner must indicate to local Insurance Committee whether he desires his name taken from the Panel."

I think we are justified in concluding from these statements that representatives of the Commissioners agreed with us that it was most important that we should have our material from the Government side in sufficient time (1) to enable the Insurance Acts Committee to form its opinion on the proposals placed before it; (2) to circulate the proposals with its opinion to the Panel Committees so as to give those bodies sufficient time to make up their minds, and (3) to arrange to hold our Conference not later than the middle of October. I submit that this arrangement, which the Insurance Acts Committee certainly thought was a settled one, cannot be upset without mutual agreement, and the Insurance Acts Committee is not inclined to ask the Panel Committees to accept any arrangement which will not give ample time for (*a*) the Insurance Acts Committee to give full consideration to the proposals of the Ministry, (*b*) the Panel Committees to be consulted, and (*c*) the holding of the Panel Conference at such a date as will allow the collective opinion of insurance practitioners to be brought to bear on the question as to whether the insurance practitioners of the country are to be advised to withdraw from the panel.

After what you said at the interview on June 26th, 1923, we realize that there are exceptional difficulties this year mainly due to the protracted discussions with the Approved Societies Consultative Council, and we would therefore make the following proposal:

(1) That the full offer of the Government as regards finance, together with the draft regulations as to conditions of service, be in the hands of the Insurance Acts Committee not later than

September 30th, though every day gained would be of great assistance to the Insurance Acts Committee in carrying out its duty to its constituents;

(2) That the Insurance Acts Committee should warn the Panel Committees in advance that they must be prepared to hold meetings during the second week in October and that the material they are to discuss shall be sent down within the first few days of that month; and

(3) That the Conference of Representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees be held on October 18th, which will give time, if that step should be found necessary, for the insurance practitioners of the country on November 1st to give the two months' necessary notice of withdrawal from the panel.

I shall be glad to have your remarks on this proposal as soon as possible.

II.

The reply of the Ministry to the above letter was conveyed by Sir Arthur Robinson on July 6th as follows:

I have your letter of July 4th and am obliged for the information which you have amassed as to past proceedings in regard to length of notice of alteration in the terms of panel service. I do not think that I need query your summary of the position in the penultimate paragraph of your letter. It is a question of what is fair and reasonable and not of the precise legal obligations on one side or the other. I hope I made it clear at our discussion that it is the desire of the Ministry to be fair and reasonable, and bearing in mind the fact that the present arrangements terminate at the end of the calendar year, we are ready to accept the proposals made at the end of your letter and to spare no effort to work to them.

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## RURAL INSURANCE PRACTICE.

### CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRY PRACTITIONERS.

A CONFERENCE of representatives of rural insurance practitioners was held at the offices of the British Medical Association, 429, Strand, on July 12th, to consider the position of rural practitioners with regard to remuneration for insurance service, and also the question of organization in rural districts in the event of an unfortunate issue of the negotiations with the Government.

Dr. J. P. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN was voted to the chair, and thirty representatives appointed by the standing joint committees of grouped Local Medical and Panel Committees, as well as members of the Rural Practitioners' Subcommittee of the Insurance Acts Committee, were present. The discussions, which were of an informal and conversational kind, occupied the whole day.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the Conference, said that the sympathetic reply given by the Principal Secretary to the Ministry of Health (Sir Arthur Robinson) in the course of the recent interview with the Insurance Acts Committee (SUPPLEMENT, July 7th, p. 8) proved that the Conference had no need to argue the claims of the rural practitioner to special consideration. The question of the additional payment to which the rural practitioner was undoubtedly entitled might be approached by various routes, but a further distribution on the basis of mileage probably offered the easiest and most satisfactory solution. It was necessary to warn the Government that unless something was done to ease the position in which many rural practitioners found themselves there was a real danger that small rural practices covering scattered areas might cease to exist.

*The Organization of Rural Practitioners.*

The question of organization was first taken, and on this subject a memorandum had been prepared by the South-Western Group Standing Joint Committee, which was introduced by Dr. Wood-Locket. The memorandum urged the necessity of preparing a scheme of public medical service in the various areas, to be resorted to in certain eventualities, and to be free from all approved or friendly society control. Dr. WOOD-LOCKET held that to refuse any service in a possible dispute with the Government would prejudice public opinion, and therefore it was necessary to have some alternative scheme in readiness. He moved that all areas where rural or semi-rural interests predominate should be asked seriously to consider the possibility of adopting such a scheme.

Several representatives spoke on this subject, and gave particulars of the conditions prevailing in their areas and the amount of support which a public medical service scheme in the given circumstances might be expected to secure. Some difficulty was felt in approaching this subject, as also later in approaching the subject of remuneration, on account of the fact that rural practitioners as a class are not capable of absolute definition, and that they may be divided into at least three categories according to the nature of the area in which their practice is situated. The general feeling, however, was that organization by all means should be considered in each locality, though some representatives wanted it to be considered independently of the question of adopting an alternative public medical service. Dr. Wood-Locket's proposal:

> That all areas with rural or semi-rural interests predominating shall seriously consider the possibility of adopting some such scheme of Public Medical Service as that previously mentioned—

was carried by 19 votes to 7, but some at least of the dissentients stated that they were voting, not against the general principle of organization, but only against a particular method to which they were not yet ready to pledge themselves. It was also agreed that all rural areas in sympathy with the arguments brought forward in the memorandum of the South-Western Group should communicate at the earliest possible date with the Central Rural Practitioners' Subcommittee. Yet another resolution, which was carried, was that it be suggested to all Panel Committees in whose areas there was a substantial number of rural practitioners, that they should appoint a rural practitioners' subcommittee—if such a subcommittee was not already in existence—to look after the interests of rural practitioners and to keep in touch with headquarters.

Before the discussion on organization terminated Dr. A. Cox (Medical Secretary) made a statement. He deprecated in all these connexions the use of the word "strike"—a word which had certainly never been encouraged in the Insurance Acts Committee or from the offices of the British Medical Association, and which never did, in his belief, describe what the profession had in its mind as the ultimate resort. He preferred the expression "refusal of contract," which was an entirely different thing; it did not suggest anything like "down tools," and which could be defended before any company of reasonable individuals. The question of organization had to be looked at from two points of view. In the first place, there was the question of how rural practitioners might take their part in a general refusal of contract if such should occur, and here he referred to the possible dangers of setting up forms of organization which it might not be possible to adjust to the organization of insurance practitioners as a whole. In the second place, it had to be considered what line was to be taken should general agreement be reached with regard to the capitation fee, but not with regard to special terms for mileage. It seemed to be assumed that if the capitation fee were secured the mileage claim also would be secured, but the possibility of non-admittance of any further claim with regard to mileage, or even of an attempt to reduce the present mileage, must be borne in mind. He regretted to hear in a few quarters some pessimism expressed with regard to the solidarity of the profession. The men who would not go straight were very few in number, and their effectiveness was very small. It was not true to say that the pitch might be queered by the men newly entering the profession, for these young men had proved themselves as ready to go straight as the men with long-established practices. He considered that from the point of view of organization the position to-day was incomparably better than it was in 1913. Ten years ago the fight was waged amid all sorts of foolish misapprehensions. For one medical man who was interested in medical politics at that time ten were interested now, the Panel Committees were on the field, and the organization of the British Medical Association was much stronger now than it was ten years ago. But the rural practitioner, in the pressing of his special claims, could not do without the sympathetic interest of the urban practitioner. In conclusion he asked that well authenticated facts with regard to areas which might possibly be left derelict so far as medical attention was concerned, on account of the disabilities attending rural practice among thinly scattered populations, might be sent to headquarters.

*Remuneration.*

The discussion on remuneration was opened by Dr. R. Ernest (Cambridgeshire), who moved that the extra remuneration be by way of an additional grant on the capitation fee rather than by an increase in the mileage grant.

Dr. BRACKENBURY pointed out that a differential capitation fee would present such enormous difficulties as to be administratively almost impossible. Once a differentiation were made it would not be possible to stop at the line between rural and urban practices; there would have to be differentiations between different kinds of urban practices, which presented many anomalies. The capitation fee was not equally remunerative to practitioners even in towns. A demand on the lines just proposed, however justifiable theoretically, would not be practicable. Two other lines, however, could be pursued with some prospect of success in the immediate negotiations. In the first place, he thought that a scheme might be arranged for the

mileage fund to apply to all patients in a rural practice, not merely to those beyond a two-mile limit. The rural practitioner was involved in special expenditure of money and time with regard to many patients who lived less than two miles from his residence, and it was possible that an augmented mileage fund, on calculations directed to that particular criterion, could be claimed with success. In the second place, a claim might be made for a supernumerary fund, on the same lines as the Lowlands of Scotland Necessitous Districts Grant (which was the subject of a part of a memorandum prepared for the Conference by Dr. Drever, the Scottish Medical Secretary), with the addition of a provision for a locumtenent in the case of sickness, holidays, or post-graduate study leave. In these two directions—one an augmented mileage grant to apply within the two-mile limit, and the other a special fund to apply to individual practices which on investigation satisfied certain criteria—it was possible to proceed with some reasonable chance of success.

In the course of the discussion several representatives brought forward facts and figures relating to their own practices, illustrating the disadvantages of the rural practitioner in comparison with his urban colleague. Dr. J. A. HARGREAVES (West Riding) was of opinion that rural practitioners might be classified upon a density of population basis. In the rural areas of the West Riding, for instance, the density varied from 4 to 14 acres per person. Dr. MCDONOGH ELLIS (Surrey) spoke of the inadequacy of the mileage grant in a practice like his own, where the average distance per visit was from 2½ to 3 miles. His mileage, a fraction over 6d. per mile, did not pay his running expenses, which were 7d. per mile, apart from the cost of a man to drive the car. Dr. R. FAWCITT gave particulars of a practice in the Lake District, where the average number of miles to be travelled per visit was three, and where some of the houses were inaccessible by car, and involved walking for long distances. Dr. WOOD-LOCKET said that the case for an increased mileage grant was overwhelming, and in many areas there was a strong case also for a necessitous areas grant. The inclusion of the second or even of the first mile in the mileage grant would not meet the real disability of the rural as compared with the urban practitioner. He thought that rural practitioners should make plain to their urban colleagues the disadvantages of their position. Practitioners in industrial areas who had large lists were making incomes which were quite out of the question for rural practitioners. He suggested a sliding scale whereby the capitation fee should be graduated downwards in accordance with the increasing size of the list, taking as a beginning a list of 250, so that more money would be available out of the same pool for men with small, scattered practices. Dr. P. K. MUSPRATT (Middlesex) agreed with this last suggestion, except that he felt that the graduation ought to begin from no lower figure than 1,000. Dr. HILTON JONES (North Wales) believed it to be impossible from the actuarial point of view to distribute mileage in an equitable manner. His own district, for example, was 14 miles in length, and he found it necessary to have some sort of surgery in six hamlets and to keep two cars. Dr. H. C. JONAS (Rural Practitioners' Subcommittee) could see nothing in the facts brought forward to prevent the proper distribution of the additional sum by means of an increased mileage grant. Timeage, however, had been greatly underestimated by the Distribution Committee. To a rural practitioner twelve or fifteen visits meant a hard day's work, while the urban practitioner might manage forty with ease.

The CHAIRMAN said that it came to exactly the same result whether the extra money was forthcoming by way of mileage or of a differentiated capitation fee. Dr. Wood-Locket's scheme might be serviceable in the future, but in the meantime it would be necessary to reconcile the urban practitioner to its justice.

Dr. R. ELLIS, who had moved the original resolution that the extra remuneration should be by way of additional grant on the capitation fee, withdrew his motion in view of Dr. Brackenbury's statement. The Conference then agreed unanimously that efforts should be made to obtain for rural practitioners extra remuneration, over and above that paid to urban practitioners, by means of an increased mileage grant, to be distributed by the machinery of the Mileage Distribution Committee, and that the Government be urged that in the case of rural practitioners the mileage fund should be calculated on the distance from the residence of the practitioner. It was decided to leave it to the decision of the Rural Practitioners' Subcommittees of the county Panel Committees as to whether the calculation should be made from the residence of the doctor of choice or from that of the nearest doctor. Some discussion arose on the measures to be taken to safeguard the entirely rural practitioner, and the possibility was canvassed of an inequitable distribution in some areas whereby this new provision would not go to the extent to which it ought to go to the men whose practices were of such a character that they most needed it and for whom it was intended. The difficulty again was felt of arriving at any definition of the rural practitioner or at any clearly drawn line between rural and semi-rural practice. It was proposed to leave the safeguarding of the wholly rural practitioner to the local Distribution Committee, and it was suggested that if in any area a scheme of distribution was formulated which did not take the interests of the rural practitioners sufficiently into consideration an appeal should be made to the Insurance Acts Committee, which doubtless would be able to bring influence to bear upon the Government to secure the amendment of the scheme. Finally, after considerable examination of various propositions, a motion by Dr. JONAS was agreed to:

> That Panel Committees be requested to submit all distribution schemes to the Insurance Acts Committee (which would refer them to its Rural Practitioners' Subcommittee) for consideration before such schemes were forwarded to the Insurance Committee.

A further resolution requested the medical members of the Distribution Committee to obtain a reconsideration of the basis of timeage; and it was also agreed unanimously to endorse an expression of opinion adopted by the Insurance Acts Committee at its meeting in June:

> That efforts should be made to obtain for rural practitioners in necessitous cases extra remuneration to be distributed upon the lines of the arrangements obtaining in Scotland in respect of the Lowlands Necessitous Districts Grant, with the additional provision of locumtenents for holidays, sickness, and post-graduate study leave.

Dr. G. C. GARRATT raised the question of the Drug Fund, and suggested that any drug which cost more than 10s. per pound, and any appliance which cost more than 1s., should be excluded from the list of drugs and appliances which the insurance practitioner who did his own dispensing had to supply. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that if too many drugs were included in the special list it would be difficult to resist the argument that they were being overpaid for dispensing. No resolution was taken on this subject.

The final question which the Conference considered was the course of action to be taken in the event of an unsatisfactory result in the matter of mileage negotiations. It was agreed, as a recommendation to the Insurance Acts Committee, that another Rural Practitioners' Conference should be called previous to—possibly on the day before—the October Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees. The Conference closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, to whom during the meeting many expressions of gratitude were offered for his many services to rural practitioners.

# Naval and Military Appointments.

## ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following notifications are announced by the Admiralty: Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hill, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., Director-General of the Medical Department of the Navy, to be Honorary Surgeon to His Majesty, vice Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets W. H. Lloyd, K.H.S., deceased. Surgeon Rear-Admiral G. A. Dreaper, C.B., to be Extra Honorary Surgeon to His Majesty. Surgeon Captain A. Gaskell, C.B., O.B.E., to be Surgeon Rear-Admiral; Surgeon Captain A. J. Hewitt to the *Pembroke* for R.N. Hospital, Chatham. Surgeon Commanders W. R. Harrison, O.B.E., to R.M. Infirmary, Deal; H. E. R. Stephens, O.B.E., to R.N. Hospital, Plymouth; S. W. Grimwade, O.B.E., to the *President;* F. L. Smith to the *Vivid*, additional for the *Hermes* and to the *Hermes* on commissioning; A. R. Thomas, O.B.E., to R.N. Hospital, Portland; A. H. S. Richards to the *Chatham*; T. C. Patterson to the *Philomel* on relief. Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders R. K. Shaw, M.C., to R.N. Hospital, Chatham; F. J. D. Twigg to the *Revenge* for general duties and for specialist duties in ophthalmology; J. P. Shorten, D.S.C., to the *Pembroke* for R.N. Hospital, Chatham, for general duties and for specialist duties in ophthalmology; W. N. L. Cherry to the *Excellent;* E. MacEwen to the *Vulcan*. Surgeon Lieutenants A. W. Cocking to the *Courageous;* A. P. A. Stuart to R.N. Hospital, Haslar; R. A. W. Ford to R.N. Hospital, Haslar, for instruction of sick berth staff.

Mr. D. H. Kernohan has entered as Surgeon Lieutenant for short service and appointed to R.N. Hospital.

## ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Carlyon, half-pay list, late R.A.M.C., retires on retired pay on account of ill health contracted on active service, September 9th, 1922. (Substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, September 8th, 1922.)

Temporary Hon. Lieut.-Colonel T. E. K. Stansfield, C.B.E., relinquishes his commission and retains the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

The following retire on retired pay: Lieut.-Colonel J. G. Gill, C.B.E., D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Goddard, D.S.O., on account of ill health; Major R. J. C. Thompson, C.M.G., D.S.O., on account of ill health contracted on active service, August 2nd, 1922, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. (Substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of August 1st, 1922.)

Major E. V. Aylen, D.S.O., to be Lieutenant-Colonel to complete establishment.

Captain R. W. Galloway, D.S.O., relinquishes the temporary rank of Major.

Temporary Captain F. J. P. Daly relinquishes his commission and retains the rank of Captain.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Squadron Leader H. A. Hewat to Basrah Combined Hospital.

Flight Lieutenants H. H. R. Bayley to Armament and Gunnery School, Eastchurch; J. R. Crolius to Jenin Combined Hospital, Palestine; T. M. Walker to Detention Hospital, Jerusalem; J. R. Quin to No. 7 Squadron, Bircham Newton.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Major J. V. Bates, M.C. (late R.A.M.C.), to be Captain with precedence as from February 11th, 1919 (June 13th, 1923), and relinquishes the rank of Major. (Substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, June 12th, 1923.)

Captain T. D. Webster resigns his commission and retains the rank of Captain.

Lieutenant J. W. Macfarlane, M.C., to be Captain.

Lieutenant J. G. B. Coleman to be Captain (prov.).

To be Lieutenants: Lieutenants F. O'Shaughnessy, J. D. M. Campbell, J. R. Oddie from 5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, A. Badenoch late R.G.A., T.F.

*General Hospitals.*—The following officers relinquish their commissions: Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Hume and Captain (Brevet Major) R. E. Kelly, C.B., and are granted the rank of Colonel. Major A. G. Gibson and retains the rank of Major. Captains and retain the rank of Captain: A. A. Burrell, B. A. W. Stone, W. Y. Woodburn, and J. W. Stretton. The following officers, having attained the age limit, are retired and retain their rank: Major H. E. Counsell, Captain W. H. Nutt.

*Sanitary Companies.*—Captain R. J. S. McDowall relinquishes his commission and retains the rank of Captain.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain J. Derham-Reid, M.C., relinquishes his commission and is granted the rank of Major.

*General Hospitals.*—Lieut.-Colonel E. J. D. Taylor, from 5th Southern General Hospital, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. To be Captain: Captains W. F. Wilson, from 1st Northern General Hospital; P. E. H. Adams, from 3rd Southern General Hospital.

*Sanitary Companies.*—Captain A. R. Ward, from 2nd London Sanitary Company, to be Captain.

## VACANCIES.

CANTERBURY: KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £175 per annum.

CHESHIRE JOINT SANATORIUM COMMITTEE.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £350 per annum, rising to £490.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Junior House-Surgeon (male). (2) Casualty Officer and Orthopaedic House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £175 and £170 per annum respectively.

DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

EAST AFRICAN MEDICAL SERVICE.—Medical Officers. Salary, £600 per annum, rising to £900 with efficiency bars at £700 and £800.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.1.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £125 per annum.

EDINBURGH: THE HOSPICE, High Street.—Resident Medical Officer (woman). Remuneration at the rate of £50 per annum.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.—Henry Mechan Chair of Public Health.

KING'S LYNN: WEST NORFOLK HOSPITAL.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer (lady). Salary, £100 per annum.

LONDON HOSPITAL, E.1.—(1) First Assistant to each of the Surgical "Firms." Salary, £400 per annum. (2) Second Registrar to the Ear, Throat, and Nose Department.

MANCHESTER CITY.—Third Assistant Medical Officer at the Baguley Sanatorium. Salary, £400 per annum.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer (lady) at Central Branch. Remuneration at the rate of £100 per annum.

METROPOLITAN EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT HOSPITAL, Fitzroy Square, W.1.—Non-Resident House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

MIDDLETON-IN-WHARFEDALE SANATORIUM, near Ilkley.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £325 per annum.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART, Westmoreland Street, W.1.—Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Berry Wood.—Locumtenent for eight weeks. Salary £8 8s. per week.

NOTTINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon (woman). Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £150.

ROYAL EARLSWOOD INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES.—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £800 per annum.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Waterloo Road, S.E.1.—Non-resident Casualty Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—Chair of Medicine (Medical School, Dundee).

SALVATION ARMY: MOTHERS' HOSPITAL, Clapton.—Senior Resident Medical Woman.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—House-Physician at the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

SHROPSHIRE ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Gobowen, near Oswestry.—Students to learn Orthopaedic work. Salary, first year £16, and £20 second year.

SOMERSET COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—School Oculist and Medical Inspector. Salary on basic scale of £400, rising to £450, plus Civil Service award No. 102.

TIVERTON HOSPITAL, Devon.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WEST AFRICAN MEDICAL STAFF.—Medical Officers. Salary, £600 per annum, rising to £720, and if confirmed in appointment after probation £720, rising to £920.

WEST DERBY UNION.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer at the Walton Institution. Salary, £300 per annum.

WEST HERTS HOSPITAL, Hemel Hempstead.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum.

WINDERMERE: ETHEL HEDLEY HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, Calgarth Park.—House-Surgeon (woman). Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The appointment of Certifying Factory Surgeon at St. Just (Cornwall) is vacant.

***This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.***

## APPOINTMENTS.

BELAM, F. A., M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer for the Borough of Brighouse and Hipperholme U.D.C.; Medical Superintendent, Brighouse Joint Hospital Board.

DAVIDSON, G. S., M.A., M.B.Aber., F.R.C.S.Ed., Honorary Extra Physician to the Aberdeen Maternity Hospital with special charge of the Out-Patient Department.

DAVIES, J. C., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Chippen Campden District, co. Gloucester.

FRAZER, W. M., M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer for Blackburn.

LAMONT, Donald C., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Tuberculosis Officer for Blackburn.

LIVINGSTON, A., M.B., Ch.B., M.D.S., Director of Dental Studies at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill.

MALCOLM, H. P., M.C., M.B., M.Ch., Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Assistant Resident Medical Officers: J. R. Cuthbert, M.B., Ch.B., N. B. Hall, M.B., B.S.

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JULY.

20 Fri. Portsmouth: Annual Representative Meeting, Examination Hall, Municipal College, 10 a.m.
Portsmouth: Extraordinary General Meeting, Municipal College, 4.45 p.m.

21 Sat. Portsmouth: Annual Representative Meeting, Examination Hall, 9.30 a.m.

23 Mon. Portsmouth: Council Meeting, Municipal College, 9 a.m.
Portsmouth: Annual Representative Meeting, Examination Hall, 9.30 a.m.

24 Tues. Portsmouth: Annual Representative Meeting, Municipal College, 10 a.m.
Portsmouth: Annual General Meeting, Municipal College, 2 p.m.
Portsmouth: Adjourned General Meeting and President's Address, 8 p.m.

25 Wed. Portsmouth: Council Meeting, Municipal College, 9 a.m.
Portsmouth: Honorary Secretaries' Conference, Municipal College, 2.30 p.m.

*The full programme of the work of the Sections of the Annual Meeting at Portsmouth is printed at page 23 et seq.*

### POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE.—At Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children, Waterloo Road, S.E.: Daily, except Saturday, Special Course in Children's Diseases. At Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Blackfriars: Daily, 2.30 p.m., Instruction in Out-Patient Department. Tues. and Fri., 5.30 to 7 p.m., Venereal Clinic.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Demonstration of Clinical Cases, 3.30 p.m.: Mon., Medical, Dr. J. B. Alexander; Tues., Surgical (3 p.m.), Mr. R. Evans; Wed., Eye Cases, Mr. N. B. B. Fleming; Thurs., Surgical, Mr. H. W. Carson; Fri., Diseases of Children, Dr. C. E. Sundell.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.—Mon., 3 p.m., Mr. Simson: Diseases of Women. Tues., 12 noon, Dr. Burrell: Chest Cases. Wed., 3 p.m., Dr. Pernet: Skin Department. Thurs., 10 a.m., Dr. G. Stewart: Neurological Department. Fri., 3 p.m., Mr. Sinclair: Surgical Out-Patients. Sat., 10 a.m., Dr. Saunders: Medical Diseases of Children. Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., In- and Out-Patients, Operations, Special Departments.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

***The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.***

### BIRTH.

WILLIAMS.—On June 19th, to Dr. and Mrs. W. Hubert Williams, of 20, Shortridge Street, Sheffield, a daughter.

### MARRIAGE.

STEWART—WHITEHEAD.—On the 12th inst., at the Wesleyan Church, Walsall Wood, by the Rev. E. Brentnall, M.A., assisted by the Rev. Wm. Cross, M.A., James Stewart, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., of Beech Tree House, Walsall Wood, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, Mill O'Beith, Beith, Ayrshire, to Margaret Winifred (Daisy), younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitehead, Galen House, Walsall Wood.

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